BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-204-C - ORDER NO. 2006-27

JANUARY 23, 2006

IN RE: Request for Extended Area from Bluffton/Sun) ORDER GRANTING
City Hilton Head Area to Hilton Head Island) AND DENYING
CONFIDENTIALITY IN
PART

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on a Motion filed by the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) requesting that certain materials be treated as confidential in the revised version of the report on an ORS investigation into the reasonableness of establishing an extended calling area from the Bluffton/Sun City area to Hilton Head Island. ORS alleges that certain data and related backup documentation be deemed confidential, since the information provided regards the companies' respective operations. The companies believe that, in light of the more competitive telecommunications environment, it is not appropriate to make detailed information regarding the companies' operations publicly available. Further, they assert that access to this information could give actual and potential competitors an unfair competitive advantage. We grant in part and deny in part, with an explanation.

The incremental per line costs required to provide Extended Area Calling shall not be accorded confidential treatment, because of their public nature. All other materials should be afforded confidential treatment as requested.

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However, this ruling shall hereby be delayed for two weeks from the date of the

Commission's oral decision on this matter on January 10, 2006, in order to allow the

parties time to brief the Commission if they want to provide further support for according

confidential treatment to the incremental per line costs. If no such briefing is received by

January 24, 2006, the Staff will implement this ruling such that all other materials will be

accorded confidential treatment as requested, with the exception of the incremental per

line costs required to provide Extended Area Calling.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the

Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Randy Mitchell, Chairmar

ATTEST:

G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice-Chairman

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